COUNTY OF MONROE
NEW YORK SUPREME COURT

GAY ALLIANCE OF GENESEE VALLEY, INC.

Plaintiff,

vs.

INDEX NO. 8872/91
JUSTICE ANDREW SIRACUSE

CITY ASSESSOR,
CITY OF ROCHESTER, NEW YORK,

Defendant.

New York State :
New York County : ss.:

RICHARD D. BURNS, being sworn, deposes and states:

1. I am the Executive Director of the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, Inc. [LGCSC].

2. The LGCSC is a not-for-profit organization that is committed to providing a safe space for the gay and lesbian community of New York City to gather, organize, socialize, and find the vital health services geared specifically toward the community.

3. The LGCSC operates out of a building located at 208 West 13th Street, New York City, New York.

4. The LGCSC purchased the building in December 1984, and has owned it ever since.

5. The LGCSC has three primary areas of operation.

6. First, the Center provides cultural and health-related programs to the community.

7. For example, the Center's Project Connect is devoted to alcoholism and drug intervention and prevention within the gay and

lesbian community. As another example, the Youth Enrichment Services Program provides gay and lesbian youth the opportunity to meet and explore their special issues in a gay and lesbian environment.

8. Second, the LGCSC offers scores of social cultural events, such as dances, poetry readings, photo exhibits, concerts, and movies each year.

9. Third, the LGCSC acts as home base for more than 250 advocacy, political, social, educational and cultural groups that have, as their common link, the goal of serving the gay and lesbian community throughout New York City.

10. In addition, the Center provides office space to seven anchor tenants: Senior Action in a Gay Environment, the Community Health Project, the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project, the satellite Office of Gay & Lesbian Health Concerns, the Metropolitan Community Church, the Lesbian Switchboard, and the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

11. After the building was bought, the LGCSC applied for and was granted tax exempt status for its building pursuant to N.Y. Real Property Tax Law §420-a in .

12. Although there is currently a dispute between the LGCSC New York City regarding the tax exempt status of the portion of the Center that is rented out, there is no dispute regarding the current and ongoing tax exempt status of the remainder of the Center.

RICHARD D. BURNS

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this _____ day of September 1992.

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